## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS20824

Section 33-3717B, Idaho code outlines the requirements for a public institution of higher education to recognize an individual as a resident for tuition purposes. Proposed changes recognize the Idaho residency status of Idaho residents in the armed forces who are stationed outside of the state of Idaho.

Individuals who join the armed forces of the United States and continue to maintain their Idaho residency (and their dependents) during their term of service would be considered residents for tuition paying purposes. Under the current residency statute, these Idahoans would not be eligible for in-state residency status for fee payment purposes. Their dependents are also not eligible to benefit from the parents Idaho resident status for fee payment purposes.

## FISCAL NOTE

The actual numbers of students who have been impacted are minimal and there would be little to no general fund fiscal impact.



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